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C O N F I D E N T I A L SUVA 0931

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: AFSP, ASEC, PDIP, PINR, FJ  
SUBJECT: PRC EMBASSY INTEREST IN PURCHASE USG LEASED QUARTERS

1. WE COULD BE CONFRONTED WITH UNIQUE SITUATION OF  
BECOMING TENANT OF LOCAL PRC EMBASSY IF IT REACHES  
AGREEMENT WITH OWNER ON PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AND HOUSE  
WE PRESENTLY LEASE FOR DPO. FIVE MEMBERS OF PRC  
MISSION, WITH OUR PERMISSION, INSPECTED HOUSE WITH  
SPOUSE OF EMBOFF PRESENT.

2. PROPERTY IS ONE OF FOUR CONTIGUOUS PARCELS UP FOR  
SALE BY LANDLORD, LOCAL ATTORNEY WHO MAY BE PREPARING  
DEPART FIJI. PRC MISSION IS INTERESTED IN PURCHASING  
ALL FOUR PLOTS, INCLUDING OWNER'S HOUSE ADJACENT TO  
OURS AND TWO VACANT LOTS ON WHICH OWNER SAYS CHINESE  
WOULD PLAN TO BUILD.

3. ANY SALE IS, OF COURSE, SUBJECT TO OUR LEASE WHICH  
EXPIRES APRIL 30, 1980, WITH JOINT OPTION TO RENEW  
FOR ONE YEAR. OWNER HAS FURNISHED COPY OF LEASE TO  
PRC EMBASSY. HOWEVER, ATTITUDE OF CHINESE INSPECTING  
THE PROPERTY INDICATED THEY WOULD PLAN TO REMODEL HOUSE  
FOR IMMEDIATE USE. THEY ASKED IF FURNITURE COULD REMAIN.  
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(REPLY WAS NEGATIVE.) OWNER HAS PROMISED TO REITERATE  
THAT SALE WOULD NOT AFFECT OUR RIGHT TO OCCUPANCY FOR  
  
AT LEAST THREE MORE YEARS.

4. CHINESE EMBASSY HAS BEEN LOOKING OVER A YEAR FOR  
SUITABLE QUARTERS IN WHICH ALL CAN HUDDLE TOGETHER TO

LIVE AND CONDUCT BUSINESS, AND IS UNDERSTANDABLY ANXIOUS TO MOVE OUT OF THIRD CLASS HOTEL STAFF AND CHANCERY NOW OCCUPY. PRC MISSION SEEMS UNCONCERNED THAT OCCUPANCY OF PRIME PROPERTY IN BEST SUBURB, TOGETHER WITH OFFICIAL MERCEDES JUST RECEIVED, WILL PROJECT DISTINCTLY UNPROLETARIAN IMAGE TO LOCALS.

5. OF COURSE SALE MAY NOT DEVELOP, THOUGH OWNER IS OPTIMISTIC. IT PRESENTS SERIOUS SECURITY PROBLEM, BUT POSSIBLE INTELLIGENCE OPPORTUNITY, TO CHINESE AS TO US. I SUSPECT THAT PRIOR TO POSSIBLE PEKING APPROVAL OF A PURCHASE, PRC EMBASSY WILL INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY OF BUYING OUT OUR LEASE. IF WE REFUSE TO SELL, DEAL MIGHT WELL FALL THROUGH.

6. WOULD WELCOME COMMENTS FROM ADDRESSEES.  
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